

AAST NEWSLETTER

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Forensic Cold Case Investigation



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October 13 - October 17, 2025



Students in Mrs. Rielly's Honors Forensic Science classes explored cold cases, creating visual crime boards to represent the ties between evidence, suspects, and victims. Students researched and then defended their most reasonable explanations of the events.

Upcoming Events



JUNIOR MAKEUP PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 22

ALL COUNTY THEATRE @ AAST
OCTOBER 22

PSAT
OCTOBER 23

BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 24

SPIRIT WEEK
OCTOBER 27-31

FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 30, 5-7PM

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 11

POETRY OUT LOUD
COMPETITION
NOVEMBER 19

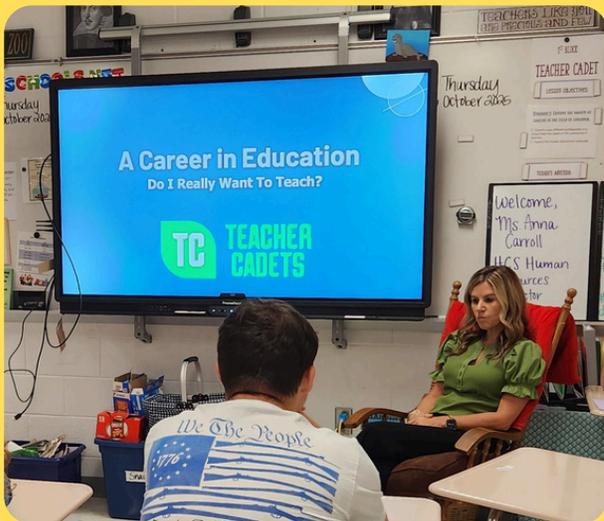
THANKSGIVING BREAK
NOVEMBER 24-28

Santee Cooper Guest Speakers

Commercial and residential energy advisors and an electrical engineer from Santee Cooper spoke with the environmental engineering seniors about ways to save energy and money. In their last project, students conducted an energy audit of their homes and created a report of their findings and recommendations. With the guest speakers, they learned about local careers in the energy conservation field!



Guest Speaker: Anna Carroll

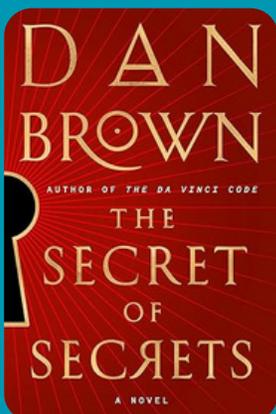


Ms. Anna Carroll, HCS HR Director spoke to Teacher Cadets about careers in education. She shared what she has learned in her 25 years working for Horry County Schools. She gave advice on college, careers, and financial responsibilities.

Pie Day Fundraiser



AAST's Student Council hosted a sweet Pie Day fundraiser to support the Shine On Project with the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation! Junior and senior advisories went head-to-head in a friendly donation competition – and the winners got to pie their teachers! The top donor pied Ms. Reiss, while the advisory with the highest total chose Mr. Davenport for the honor. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make a difference for a great cause!



New Books @ AAST:

The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown

Professor Robert Langdon travels to Prague to attend a lecture by noetic scientist Katherine Solomon, whose upcoming book on human consciousness could upend centuries of belief. When Katherine vanishes after a brutal murder, Langdon is thrust into a deadly chase across Prague, London, and New York. Pursued by a mysterious foe rooted in ancient mythology, he races to find Katherine and uncover a secret project that could forever change humanity's understanding of the mind.

USC and State Fair Field Trip

Students from multiple AAST majors explored the University of South Carolina's Columbia campus. Following the campus tour, the students visited the SC State Fair. During their visit, they could admire their classmates' artwork that is currently on display at the SC State Fair Student Art Show.



Honor Society Inductions

AAST hosted induction ceremonies on Thursday to welcome outstanding scholars into six honor societies. The Science National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, National English Honor Society, the Beta Club and Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica all welcomed a new cohort of exceptional students. These academic organizations actively engage students in service and foster the development of leadership skills. Congratulations to the newly inducted scholars!



FALL SPIRIT WEEK

OCT 27TH - OCT 31ST

MONDAY	Manic Monday - Teacher/student swap day
TUESDAY	Dress as Your Favorite Book Character - Celebrate Literacy Day!
WEDNESDAY	On Wednesdays We Wear Pink - Pink out for breast cancer awareness
THURSDAY	Heroes vs. Villains - Dress as your favorite hero or villain
FRIDAY	Costume Day - Dress up in your favorite costume!

REMINDER: ALL OUTFITS MUST BE DRESS CODE APPROPRIATE.

Children's Book Drive Success!



As part of a Children's Literature course at the University of South Carolina, Mrs. Fletcher organized a Children's Book Drive to benefit the Junior League and their Free Little Libraries. The National English Honor Society proudly partnered with her on this meaningful project, collecting and donating 912 books to help promote literacy and a love of reading throughout our community. #risewithreading